

2007 TGIF Jazz in the Parks – Parks & Bands

The City of Carlsbad's annual "TGIF Jazz in the Parks" series returns for its twenty-second season of free outdoor concerts in Carlsbad parks during the months of June, July and August. Ten TGIF concerts on consecutive Friday evenings will begin on June 22 and continue through August 24. All concerts begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm. The concert series is presented by the City's Cultural Arts Office and produced by Rob Hagey Productions, Inc.

The highly popular concerts, known for exceptional quality and for a broad range of jazz and blues styles, now attract audiences numbering more than 3,000 to each performance. New features of the concert series in 2007 include a new park location, a new shuttle service location and a change in the number of concerts presented at each park site. The line-up of musical talent offers four new bands and six returning groups.

The schedule of parks and groups follows. Whenever possible, the bands' websites are included so you can preview their music.

The first **four** concerts take place on June 22, June 29, July 6, and July 13 at **Stagecoach Park**, 3420 Camino de los Coches, between La Costa Avenue and Rancho Santa Fe Road. Free shuttle service is available between 5 and 9 pm from La Costa Canyon High School, 3451 Camino de los Coches.

June 22 – Eddie Turner Electric Blues

The latest big thing on the national blues scene, Turner brings 30 years of road and studio work to his new role as front man. His scorching, soul-baring guitar work and gutsy, world-weary blues voice combine to deliver the real goods.

www.eddiedevilboy.com

June 29 – Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra Boogie Woogie

San Diego's Queen of Boogie Woogie brings her hot piano and swingin' back-up group to Carlsbad with a program of swing, blues and boogie guaranteed to start toes tapping.

Palmer's don't-be-shy-join-the-fun performance style is the perfect fit for Jazz in the Parks.

www.suepalmer.com

July 6 – Ruby & The Red Hots Jazz and Blues Vocals

A true Carlsbad favorite, this group performed at TGIF for five straight years between 1999 and 2003. Sultry jazz/blues singer Ruby Presnell combines polished stage presence with warm, powerful vocalizing and a top-of-the-trade backup band, The Red Hot Players and The Red Hot Horns. www.rubyandtheredhots.com

July 13 – Plena Libre Latin Salsa

Last season's dynamic closing concert won this powerhouse big band from the heart of Puerto Rico an open invitation to return. Renowned for its high-energy show and hard-driven native folkloric rhythms, multi-Grammy nominee Plena Libre specializes in brilliant arrangements, jazzy trombone-powered harmonies and compelling, up-tempo dance rhythms.

www.plenalibre.com

TGIF moves to **Poinsettia Park**, 6600 Hidden Valley Road, for **two** concerts on July 20 and July 27. Free shuttle service will operate between 5 and 9 pm from Pacific Rim Elementary School at the corner of Hidden Valley Road & Camino de los Ondas. NEW THIS YEAR, a second shuttle service will run from the Legoland parking lot off of Hidden Valley Road, just north of Palomar Airport Road, also from 5 to 9 pm.

July 20 – Samba Mapangala & Orchestra Virunga East African Pop

Singer Samba Mapangala's exceptional version of East African pop is a lean sound with beautiful vocal harmonies and brilliant guitar and horn soloing. Samba's voice is unique among African vocalists for its quality, versatility and the special lilt that invites listeners to join in the music and fun. www.africanmusiciansprofiles.com/samba.htm

July 27 – Big Time Operator Big Band Swing

Indisputably San Diego's best-loved big band, Big Time Operator brings a brand new sheen to past classics. Summertime in Carlsbad means that Big Time Operator is on stage and the whole park is swinging. www.bigtimeoperator.com

TGIF introduces a NEW LOCATION to its moveable concert series: **Pine Avenue Park**, at 3205 Harding Street between Pine and Chestnut Avenues in the heart of Carlsbad Village. **Two** concerts will take place there, on August 3 and August 10. Parking is available on surrounding lots and streets; there is no shuttle service for concerts at Pine Avenue Park.

August 3 – Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca Afro-Cuban

Lemvo's innovative and infectious music combines Congolese *rumba* and Cuban *son montuno*, with influences from Johnny Pacheco and Orchestra Aragon thrown in for good measure. Raising his joyous voice in English, Spanish Lingala, or Kikongo, the Congo-born and now LA-based Lemvo and his band, Makina Loca, inspire audiences to let loose and dance. www.makinaloca.com

August 10 – Elliott Caine Quintet Straight Ahead Jazz

Inspired by '60s "Blue Note" style jazz and by Tito Puente and Mongo Santamaria, trumpeter Elliott Caine cracks the mold of traditional jazz but never breaks it. Playing his own compositions as well as those of Lee Morgan, Hank Mobley and Donald Byrd – plus some Afro-Cuban tunes and lyrical ballads – this quintet creates a very cool groove. www.elliottcaine.com

Calavera Hills Park, site of the final **two** concerts, is located at 2997 Glasgow Drive on the corner of Carlsbad Village Drive. The concerts, which are sponsored by Westfield Plaza Camino Real, are on August 17 and August 24. Free shuttle service will operate between 5 and 9 pm from Hope Elementary School, 3010 Tamarack Drive and from Calavera Hills Schools, 4100 Tamarack Drive.

August 17 – Bill Magee Blues Band Blues

“The Hardest Working Blues Men in San Diego” return to TGIF with their gritty, soulful, utterly authentic blues, led by master guitarist and local icon Bill Magee.

www.billmageeblues.com

August 24 – Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers West Coast Blues

One of the nation’s top blues performers (and the multiple W.C. Handy Awards are proof), Rod Piazza and his big-toned harmonica have been a major force in West Coast blues since the early 1960s. Playing boogies, ballads, blues, swing, jump, and jive, Rod Piazza and The Mighty Flyers always bring the house down. www.themightyflyers.com

There is no admission charge to TGIF Jazz in the Parks concerts. All concerts begin promptly at 6 pm and end at 8 pm. Patrons should bring their own low-back beach chairs and ground cover. Many patrons bring picnics; light refreshments are also available for sale. Intermission opportunity drawings are conducted by the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts to support the concert series and other cultural programs. Pets are not allowed in City parks by municipal ordinance; people bringing pets to TGIF concerts will be ticketed and asked to remove their pets from the premises. The use of bikes, skateboards and roller blades are not allowed in the parks during concerts.

For more information on TGIF Jazz in the Parks concerts, call the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office Info Line: (760) 434-2904.